

## 4 SHIPS BRING HOME 4,679 MORE TROOPS

106th Machine Gun Battalion  
Arrives on the Warship  
Missouri.

## TANK BRIGADE ON EUROPA

Returning Soldiers Warmly  
Welcomed—Many Wear  
Medals for Bravery.

The battleship Missouri brought 775 soldiers to Hoboken yesterday. Among them were the men of the 106th Machine Gun Battalion, chiefly from Brooklyn and Long Island. Many welcoming parties went down the bay to greet the fighters.

The commanding officer of the forces aboard the Missouri was Major Nathaniel A. Zakoson of Elizabeth, who saw service on the Mexican border before going to France. While in France the battalion was under command of Col. Mortimer D. Bryant of Brooklyn. The New York contingent lost seventeen killed and 150 wounded. Many of the men won decorations for gallantry.

The Europa of La Veloce Line, impressed by the United States as a troop carrier, brought in the 36th Brigade Tank Corps, consisting of 66 officers and 1,396 men. Of this command only one battalion saw action. It manned the French Renault tanks and won glory in battle.

Lieut. J. Ash, who was with that unit, was a student at Princeton when he joined the French army in 1917 and finally entered the American tank service. He won the Distinguished Service Cross last October. Sergeant Harry M. Nichols of Minneapolis was his pilot. Their tank was stalled in a ditch and while they were trying to get out a shell hit the tank, smashing the motor. They stuck to the tank, working their guns and wiping out a German machine gun nest in their neighborhood.

Private Ralph Voligt of Brooklyn fought with the tanks that helped Gen. O'Ryan smash the Hindenburg line. He was badly wounded by a shell splinter but said nothing until the objective trench had been taken.

Others who won glory were Lieut. Murphy Gutkowski of Chattanooga, Lieut. Elwell Frost of Winchester, Mass., Capt. Thomas W. Saul, Sergeant Charles R. Young of Detroit, Sergeant Ernest Ely of Portland, Ore., Corporal William E. Brophy of Wilmington and Corporal Charles B. Williams of Philadelphia.

The Walter A. Luckenbach, from Bordeaux, docked late last night at Hoboken after fouling other vessels, including the transport Calamarez, and stirring up her contingent of 2,532 officers and men, some of whom were knocked down in the collision.

## 30,000 YANKS QUIT FRANCE FOR HOME

Two Cruisers and 14 Trans-  
ports Bring Record Swarm.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Departure from France of approximately 30,000 officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces, the largest single homeward movement of troops since the cessation of hostilities, was announced today by the War Department. The returning soldiers are aboard two cru-

isers, the Montana and Pueblo, and fourteen transports. Among the latter is the George Washington, on which President Wilson returned to France.

Troops making up the movement include units of the Thirty-seventh (Ohio National Guard) and Thirtieth (Tennessee National Guard) divisions, the Seventy-second Coast Artillery Regiment and a large number of casuals.

The transports and cruisers are due to arrive at American ports between March 24 and April 2.

The cruiser Pueblo is due to arrive at New York March 25 with the Third Battalion, Headquarters, and Companies K, L, M and N of the 147th Infantry; the 112th supply train, complete; ambulance service sections 561, 569, 544, 554, 584, 627, 629, 631, 625 and 642, and casual companies for Ohio, Georgia, Montana, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

The transport George Washington, due at New York March 24, has aboard the 15th Machine Gun Battalion, complete; the 13th Field Signal Battalion, complete; a detachment of the Fifty-fifth Service Company, Signal Corps; thirty-one casual officers, 631 sick and wounded, and casual companies for Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Washington, California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Rhode Island, Georgia and scattered destinations.

The transport Pocahontas is expected to arrive at Newport News March 29 with the First and Third Battalion Headquarters Medical Detachment, Companies A, B, C, D, L and M of the 118th Infantry; headquarters and staff, Headquarters First Battalion, Ordnance Detachment, Sanitary Detachment, First and Second Battalions, Headquarters Machine Gun and Supplies companies, and Companies A to F inclusive of the 111th Infantry, and a small number of casuals.

The transport Santa Ana, scheduled to arrive at New York March 29 with headquarters and staff, Headquarters Company, Ordnance and Medical Detachments and Batteries A to F inclusive of the Seventy-second Coast Artillery Regiment; detachments of the Fifth Artillery Park, forty casual officers and a convalescent detachment.

The transport Pelix Tausig is due at New York April 2 with Base Hospital No. 105 and a detachment of casuals.

The transport Santa Olivia, expected to arrive at New York March 24, carries a detachment of the 147th Infantry, detachments of the 148th Infantry and casual companies for Texas, Maryland, Alabama, Michigan, Indiana, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Iowa, California and Illinois.

The transport Pearl Shell, due at an unannounced port March 31, has a casual company for Iowa, and the transport Royal George, scheduled to arrive at Halifax, date unannounced, carries one casual officer.

Von Steuben Coming to New York.

The transport Von Steuben, due at New York March 23, brings the field and staff headquarters, supply and machine gun companies, First and Second battalion headquarters, Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H of the 147th Infantry (Thirty-seventh Division); a detachment of the headquarters of the Thirty-seventh Division and the headquarters troop of that division; Seventy-fourth Infantry brigade headquarters; casual companies of Michigan, Texas, Washington, New York and Ohio troops and four casual officers.

The cruiser Montana, due at New York March 27, has on board the 112th Sanitary Train, complete, 112th Military Police, 112th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop, 112th Train Headquarters and 112th Engineer Train, practically all for Camp Sherman. The Montana is bringing also casual companies for Texas, New York and California and sixteen casual officers.

The Mercury, due at Newport News March 29, is bringing the headquarters of the Seventy-seventh Infantry Brigade, for Camp Jackson; Companies E, F and

G of the 105th Ammunition Train, 105th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop, regimental headquarters, supply and headquarters companies, and Companies E, F, G, H, I and K of the 118th Infantry (Thirty-seventh Division), practically all for Camp Jackson. Among the casual officers on board are Brig. Gen. Lawrence Tyson, commanding Fifty-ninth Infantry Brigade.

Roma Due March 29.

The Alaskan is expected at Newport News about March 29 with the field and staff, Second and Third Battalions and Companies E, F, G, H, I, K, L and M of the 146th Infantry. Most of these men go to Camp Dix.

The Roma is due at New York about March 29 with sixteen casual companies or furnished and discharged men and casual units of Kansas and West Virginia troops and sixteen casual officers.

The Pastore is due at Newport News March 26 with about 2,600 sick, wounded and casuals, including fifty-four officers and 1,150 men of the Bordeaux convalescent detachment, 241 casual companies for Massachusetts (3) and New York.

The West Hampton is due March 29 at the same port with Iowa casual company and a few scattered casuals. The Manchuria is due at New York March 27 with Air Service Squadrons Nos. 135, 172, 145, 143, 89, 86, 182 and 241; the 304th Trench Mortar Battery, for Camp Dix; Base Hospital Detachment No. 27; Camp Dix; detachment 307th Repair and Salvage Company, Tank Corps; Base Hospital No. 7; Camp Devens; casual companies for New York (3), Washington, Illinois, Ohio and New York; Field Signal Battalion; Companies D and E, 429th Telegraph Battalion, Camps Dix and Sherman, and a large number of sick or wounded from St. Nazaire.

WARSHIPS LAND 3,000 TROOPS.

Southern Soldiers Brought From France to Newport News.

Newport News, Va., March 18.—Several Southern groups of soldiers arrived here today on the battleships Louisiana and South Carolina and the U. S. S. Arctida. Among them were balloon companies D, E and F, bound for Langley Field here, and the 111th ammunition train, complete of the old Lone Star Division, the Thirty-sixth, bound for Camp Bowie, Texas.

The three ships brought more than 3,000 troops.

On the South Carolina were 1,626 officers and men including casual companies from Virginia, Texas, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, and nine civilians. The Louisiana brought 989 troops, including the balloon companies, trained at Langley Field here, mobile surgical unit No. 102 and casual companies from Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Alabama, Wisconsin and Texas. Eleven officers and three civilians also were aboard. The Arctida brought the Texas unit and casuals from Texas and other Southern States, making a total of 1,500 officers and men.

The Santa Teresa, one day ahead of schedule, with the complete 113th Field Artillery, arrived today off the Virginia Capes.

THREE AT UPTON GET CROSS.

Base Hospital Staff Witnesses Presentation.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

CAMP UPTON, March 18.—Staff officers, nurses and wounded officers and soldiers in the base hospital witnessed the presentation of three Distinguished Service Crosses for extraordinary heroism in action on orders from the War Department here tonight. The decorations were pinned on the breasts of two of the recipients by Major James L. Wheaton, commander of the hospital, in the Red Cross Building. The first two rows in

the auditorium were occupied by men already decorated.

Major Horatio N. Jackson of Burlington, Iowa, a medical officer attached to the 112th Infantry, received the cross for assisting wounded under severe fire during the Montfaucon drive, although he had been hit three times himself. Capt. Henry Adair of 151 Park street, Hufstadt, attached to the Machine Gun Company of the 167th Infantry, was decorated for heroism near Leclatelle, France, and Sergeant James S. Cain of 124 Oakwood avenue, Troy, a member of Company C, Fifth Machine Gun Battalion, for distinguishing himself in action near Medoah Farm.

Major Gen. Nicholson, the camp commander, was present and pinned the cross, already awarded, on the breast of Major Jackson, who was one of his officers during the Montfaucon drive.

NEW YORK GUNNER  
GETS VALOR CROSS

Lieut. Lansing McVickar Five  
Times Braved Barrage to  
Aid Wounded.

Lieut. Lansing McVickar of the Seventh Field Artillery, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in taking a gun forward to the aid of the infantry during the attack near Virey, October 4.

Despite the loss of two horses and the wounding of several of his men, he kept going until he met an enemy barrage through which the gun could not pass. On five different occasions he exposed himself to barrage fire to aid wounded men. His father, L. H. McVickar, lives in the Knickerbocker Club.

Sergeant Arthur Norwat of the 305th Infantry, who was killed in action, has been awarded the cross with a bar, for two remarkable feats of courage. Near Revillon he advanced ahead of his company and with an automatic rifle silenced an enemy machine gun nest, capturing the gunner. The next day he assumed command, as all his officers had been killed or wounded, and led thirteen men against a superior force, recapturing a trench.

At Moulins de L'Honnore Mort, a month later the bar was awarded him for gallantry in leading to the top of a parapet and opening fire with his automatic rifle at a machine gun which had checked an attempt to reach companies surrounded by the enemy. He kept firing until he fell mortally wounded. His father is Alfred Norwat, 417 South Fourth street, Brooklyn.

Private George K. Hagemeier of the 107th Infantry won his cross by his exceptional bravery in acting as stretcher bearer in the action near Bony. While his company was held up by hazardous rifle fire, Hagemeier, although wounded, helped remove the wounded despite orders to go to the rear. He remained at his task until wounded five times and his home is in 209 West 125th street.

Others awarded the cross are:

Sergeant Harold A. Hudson, Bethelville, Ia.; Private Harry J. Caldwell, Ansonia, Tex.; Sergeant Steve G. Norris, Abilene, Texas; Sergeant Capt. Martin L. Leary, Neuf Chateau, Vosges; Col. Edward R. Bone, Tacoma; Corporal Herman Spickard, (deceased), Bloomville, N. Y.; Sergeant Ray L. H. Ingalls, Lubec, Me.; Lieut. John S. H. Mann, Lower Falls, Mass.; Lewis E. Lohman, Pekin, Ill.; Private Cecil J. Wildfield, Evanston, Ind.; Lieut. C. Stein, Atlanta, Mich.; Capt. George A. Camp, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; Private Fred C. Joseph, T. Angelo, Camden, N. J.; Sergeant Thomas W. Vinton, Memphis, Tenn.; Fred C. Simon, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; Lieut. Frederick M. Ide, Bloomville, N. Mass.; Private George R. Ward, Fayetteville, N. C.; Sergeant George M. Free (deceased), Pittsburgh; Sergeant Robert Quirk, (deceased), Easton, Pa.; Corporal Julius A. Piazanti, Hoboken; Sergeant Clyde B. Smith, Mount Airy, N. C.; Sergeant J. J.

## Troopships Due To-day

HARRISBURG from Brest March 10, with 147th Infantry, detachments of nine officers and 565 men; First and Second Air Service Construction Companies, of four officers and 419 men; five casual companies, including No. 270 of New York, three officers and 142 men; five Breton convalescent detachments of seven officers and 623 men; twenty-three casual officers, sixty-five nurses, two naval officers and 218 naval men.

Cruiser Charleston from Brest March 8, with the Twenty-seventh Aero Squadron, five officers and 177 men; the 147th Aero Squadron, three officers and 170 men; seven casual companies, including two from New York, of twenty-two officers and 1,217 men; fifteen casual officers, fifteen civilians and two army field clerks.

Armored cruiser Seattle from Brest March 6, with 104th Machine Gun Battalion, New York, of twelve officers and 396 men; Detachment 107th Infantry of three officers and 244 men; Mobile Hospital 102, of seven officers and 600 men; six casual companies of ten officers and 824 men; fourteen casual officers, four field clerks and three civilians.

Argentina from Marseilles March 4, with eight casual companies (one from New York), of nine officers and 562 men; two special casual companies (unmanned), of two officers and 129 men; Transportation Corps 81 and 104, of nine officers and 430 men; twenty-two casual officers and two civilians.

Giuseppe Verdi from Marseilles March 6, with Transportation Corps Companies 60, 107, 82, 115 and 127, of twenty-eight officers and 995 men; thirteen casual companies of twenty officers and 798 men; twelve casual officers, eleven nurses and fifty-seven civilians.

Italia from Marseilles March 3, with fifteen casual companies of fifteen officers and 984 men; Ordnance Convoy Detachment of four officers and four men, one casual officer of the Medical Corps and two civilians.

France from Marseilles March 3, with eighteen casual companies, mostly from the West, of twenty officers and 958 men; three casual officers and two civilians.

Crowley (deceased), Mohawk, N. Y.; Wagner Wilbur Jones, Cincinnati; Capt. Henry H. Gray, Columbus, Ohio; Lieut. Aristeo V. Simon, chaplain, Ohio; Lieut. Thomas D. Amory (deceased), Wilmington, Del.; Private Robert Fawler, Newark; Lieut. Matthew E. Cocklin, Syracuse; Mechanic Charles E. Tripoli, Viena, Ill.; Private Mark W. Mails, Foggansville, Kan.; Private James Neely, Philadelphia; Private John R. Mann, Lower Falls, Mass.; Private Charles J. Gude, Nebraska City, Neb.

To Ship Knitting Supplies.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—More than 900,000 pounds of yarn and a large supply of knitting needles, the whole valued at \$2,316,445, will be shipped immediately to the American Red Cross Commission in France for distribution in the war swept countries, according to announcement made today at Red Cross headquarters.

## WOUNDED ASSURED OF SEATS AT PARADE

Shell Shock Heroes to See 27th  
in Hope That They May  
Benefit.

## MAYOR ORDERS HOLIDAY

Standing Military Organiza-  
tion of Some Sort Needed,  
O'Ryan Says.

A seat in the grand stand will be given to every wounded soldier who wishes to see the Twenty-seventh Division parade on March 25, or he will be placed in some advantageous position along the line of march, Grover Whalen, secretary to Mayor Hylan, said yesterday, following a meeting of the chairman of sub-committees of the Mayor's Committee of Welcome. The plan is to care first for the soldiers, and if there are any tickets left they will be distributed among the Aldermen, some of whom have been accused of "hogging" tickets.

Members of the board said yesterday that their meeting that they would rather give up their claims on tickets than have a single wounded soldier do without a seat to watch his comrades march. Distribution of tickets will begin today.

An experiment that may do a great deal of good and probably can't do any harm, army surgeons have said, will be made with shell shock victims at the parade. Mr. Whalen announced. It is thought that many who are in a state of mental suspension will be brought back to themselves, probably their minds permanently restored, by watching the marching men.

General Holiday Declared.

The day of the parade will be an official holiday by proclamation of the Mayor. A resolution to this effect was passed by the Board of Aldermen yesterday. It said that each city employee was to be given a holiday on full pay. The board passed the resolution unanimously.

The American Red Cross Unit attached to the Twenty-seventh Division has been invited to march in the parade. Gen. O'Ryan extended the invitation yesterday in a letter to Capt. Stephen N. Bobo, who was the Red Cross representative with the division.

The division was reminded by the Mayor's Committee that each soldier may have a box of candy in commemoration of his homecoming.

"We must have some sort of a standing military organization," Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh, said yesterday. He would not venture to say what form it should take, national or State. However, he believes strongly in the development and fostering of spirit de corps.

"Regimental tradition, company pride and personal pride in belonging to a command of celebrated achievements has done much, very much, toward winning wars. The British have it; the Germans had it. But the German military system aside from this was wrong. It was the German soldier who wrecked Germany. Had it not been for him there would not have been a war," Gen. O'Ryan continued.

"It's all very well to say that 'Right will triumph over might'—and in this case it did," he said in explaining the necessity for a military organization.

"But do you know why right triumphed over might? Because we had the greater might on the right side and it triumphed over the lesser might," he asked and answered.

Earlier in the afternoon a delegation of thirty officers from the Ninth Coast Artillery called informally upon Gen. O'Ryan at the Twenty-seventh's headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel.

Among the other callers was Major Gen. James D. McLachlan, military attaché of the British Embassy, who talked with Gen. O'Ryan and members of his staff.

While every one is exerting efforts to contribute to the pleasure and comfort of the Twenty-seventh's men, the War Community Service Unit No. 3 has opened a barber shop and invited the Twenty-seventh's heroes to come in and be barbered. The shop is manned by barbers who wait over the top in France, some of them especially good work with the bayonet. They have shaved 1,400 men to date the Community Service literature announces.

Borough President Ringling and some officers of the Twenty-seventh visited Camp Mills yesterday to arrange for the Brooklyn men to go to Brooklyn for the parade there on March 24. The line of march will be along Atlantic avenue, to Bedford avenue, to Eastern Parkway, across the plaza, and in Prospect Park West past the reviewing stand, three of which are being erected now.

## HEIRS OF HEROES TO BE PAID.

City to Continue Salary of Those Killed in Service.

Under a bill just signed by Gov. Smith the city will be able to pay to the heirs of city employees who were killed in the performance of their duty in the army or the navy the salary they would have received up to the end of the year if they had lived. This announcement was made yesterday by Borough President Dowling, at whose suggestion the bill was introduced at Albany.

The heirs of those killed in 1917 will receive their salary to the end of that year and of those killed in 1918 up to the end of 1918. This will not require the raising of any special funds as the salary for the entire year was provided in the budgets of the various years.

## VETERANS FORM POST 1.

World War Veterans Association Honor Perishing.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Gen. Pershing Post No. 1 has been formed as the District of Columbia branch of a proposed world war veterans organization. Col. W. Lester Jones, commander, announced today that delegates would be appointed March 24 to meet with delegates from the States and overseas to consider a national organization program. Gen. Pershing has been advised of the plan by cable.

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